

CLAIMS:

Sub D-1
1. A plastics bag comprising a pair of sides defining an openable mouth along one margin of the sides, a seal extending parallel to said margin to close the sides, and a tag within a part of the seal which can be withdrawn and used to open a zone of the seal to permit access to the interior of the bag.

2. A bag according to claim 1, in which the tag is positioned substantially centrally of the said margin of the bag.

3. A bag according to claim 1 or 2, in which the tag is folded to lie within the contour of the bag sides until withdrawn.

4. A bag according to any preceding claim, in which the tag is folded in a generally M-shaped configuration in cross-section, with the outside surfaces of the outside legs of the tag being sealed to the seal and/or to the sides of the bag, and with the inside legs being arranged to be withdrawn from between the outside legs.

20
5. A bag according to claim 4, in which the inside surfaces of the outside legs of the tag are in peel seal engagement with the outside surfaces of the inside legs of the tag in said M-shaped configuration.

6. A bag according to claim 4 or 5, in which only the outside legs of the tag extending beyond the inside legs are sealed to the seal.

7. A bag according to claim 4, 5 or 6, in which the tag is provided with a line of weakness along the junction of the inside legs of the tag.

8. A bag according to claim 7, in which the line of weakness comprises a row of perforations.

Sub
43 9. A bag according to any preceding claim, in which the tag is made of a laminated material

Sub
43 10. A bag according to claim 9, in which the laminated material comprises at least three layers.

Sub
43 11. A bag according to claim 10, in which the laminated material comprises four layers, a first layer of a material which is sealable to a plastics film, a second layer of a relatively strong material, a third layer which has heat insulating properties and a fourth layer of peel seal 10 material.

Sub
43 12. A bag according to any preceding claim, which has two seals extending parallel to the said margin, one of which is a reclosable zipper seal.

Sub
43 13. A bag according to claim 12, in which the reclosable 15 zipper seal is on the inside in relation to the other seal, and the tag is located within both seals.

14. A bag according to claim 12 or 13, in which the zipper seal has marginal flanges extending laterally from interengageable male and female closure members, and the tag 20 is sealed to the inside surfaces of flanges extending from the closure members towards the mouth of the bag.

15. A method of manufacturing a plastics bag which includes providing a seal parallel to a margin of a bag which defines an openable mouth, and incorporating into a part of 25 the seal a tag which can be withdrawn and used to open a zone of the seal to permit access to the interior of the bag.

Sub
43 16. A method according to claim 15, which includes sealing the tag to flanges of a reclosable zipper seal having interengageable male and female closure members, sealing the 30 zipper seal and tag to a host material which is to form the sides of the bag, forming the bag, and creating a second seal

parallel to said margin, on the side of the zipper seal which is closer to the mouth of the bag, with the tag extending through the second seal.

17. A method according to claim 15, which includes sealing the tag to a host material which is to form the sides of the bag, forming the bag, and creating the seal parallel to said margin with the tag extending through the seal.

18. A method according to claim 15, 16 or 17, which includes folding a length of laminated material into a generally M-shaped configuration in cross-section, and cutting off a section of the folded material to form the tag.

19. A method according to claim 18, which includes providing a line of weakness along the junction of the inside legs of the tag.

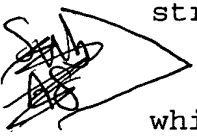
20. A method according to any of claims 15 to 19, in which the tag is located on the host material so that the tag lies within the contour of the bag sides when the bag is completed and sealed.

21. Tag material comprising an elongate strip comprising a first layer having an outside surface suitable to be sealed to a web of plastics material and a second layer having an outside surface having peel-seal properties, wherein the strip is folded about its longitudinal axis into a generally M-shaped configuration with the first layer on the outside and with the outer legs of the folded strip extending beyond the tuck.

22. Tag material according to claim 21, in which a line of weakness is provided along the length of the strip so as to be located at the apex of the tuck when folded.

23. Tag material according to claim 22, in which the line of weakness comprises a row of perforations through the

strip.

 24. ~~Tag material according to claim 21, 22 or 23, in which the strip also includes a layer of strengthening material between the first and second layers.~~

5 25. Tag material according to any of claims 21 to 24, in which the strip also includes a layer of heat insulating ~~material between the first and second layers.~~